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KALYNDA TILGES: Now, I would like to speak as Kalynda Tilges, private citizen, mother, grandmother and longtime resident of Nevada, since '79 in Las Vegas and further than that up in Lake Tahoe. I've been working on this issue mostly unpaid for over 12 years.

I don't see -- I know this may not necessarily be addressed in the supplemental DEIS, but it goes -- but since you're addressing the Draft EIS and all of this let's go back to the no action alternative. This is the way I can see we can solve the problem of the nuclear waste in this country. And this, I want to reiterate, is coming from me. This is not an official position of Citizen Alert.

I see a three-prong approach. Instead of using an unsafe, unusable, totally unacceptable scientifically and politically and public place such as Yucca Mountain for disposal of waste, I see instead a three-prong approach.

1 One, you take all the money that's being wasted on Yucca Mountain. By the way, 447 million was cut out of the budget this year for environmental management and cleanup across the country. 110 million of that went to -- of the taxpayers' money, not the ratepayers' money, went to Yucca Mountain. A 50-something percent increase over previous years. I find that abhorrent.

So we take all that money that's being wasted, one. Let's improve dry cask storage so the reactor site communities can be safer. Okay, that's one part of the money that's being wasted going to an immediate solution right now.

Number two, the second part of the money goes to a phaseout of nuclear power because Yucca Mountain will not solve the problem. It will simply add another site while nuclear waste is continued to be generated, and put that money into renewable, sustainable alternative energy that really works.

And the third prong would be to find a real solution -- scientifically, politically and publicly acceptable way to deal with the waste that we have. And let's start moving towards a realistic view of our future instead of saying we're the only people that counts.

The dollars are the bottom line. We can't afford to keep it this way. We can't afford to keep it at this site because we'd have to pay for guns and guards and fences, but we can go ahead and spend all the money to transport it across 43 states in casks that have never been licensed, the final design hasn't been made, will never be fully tested until they're on the roads, and sticking it in a place that leaks like a sieve. Thank you very much.